

# *Suffolk County Police Athletic League*

## *Player's and Parents Ethics Pledge*

Player's name: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Suffolk County Police Athletic League has adopted a zero tolerance policy for violence. This includes physical acts of violence, threats of violence or threatening behavior. A violation committed by any participant (player, coach, referee), parent or fan, will result in immediate expulsion for the league and a fine to the organization from which he/she belongs. The following will bring to your attention the type of behavior we hope and expect from our parents. Please read, sign and follow the pledge for a safe and enjoyable season for your child.*

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game or practice.
2. I will emphasize skill, development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
3. I will refrain from coaching my child or others during games and practices unless I am an official coach.
4. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
5. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
6. I will support my organization, our coaches and officials working with my child, to encourage a positive and very enjoyable experience for everyone.
7. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all Suffolk County P.A.L. sporting events.
8. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
9. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will not question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field. I will speak with coaches at an agreed time and place.
10. I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent, such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
11. I will help my child enjoy this experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, becoming an assistant coach, provide transportation, anything you can do that's Positive.
12. Let the coaches' coach – let the officials officiate and above anything else; **LET THE CHILDREN PLAY.**
13. I will be responsible for the conduct of all guests that I bring to my child's game.
14. I will remember that this is just a game. Let your child dream his own dreams, let your child **PLAY** and have fun.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a great season.

Parent/Guardian please print name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian please sign name here: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLAYER'S CODE OF ETHICS**

I will encourage good sportsmanship from my fellow participants at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.

I will attend every practice and game that I can and will notify my coaches if I cannot

I will do my best to listen and learn from coaches.

I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities and I expect to be treated accordingly.

I deserve to have fun during my P.A.L. experience and I will tell my parents or coaches if it stops being fun.

I will encourage my parents to be involved with my activity in some capacity because it is important to me.

I will do my best in school.

I will remember that my participation in P.A.L. is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Player's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE**

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